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SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARMY'S NATIONAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. THE ARMY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF APPROVED A STRATEGY TO MOVE TO A CENTRALLY COORDINATED AND CONTROLLED REPAIR-BASED LOGISTICS SYSTEM FOR THE ARMY. THIS PROGRAM IS REFERRED TO AS THE NATIONAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (NMP) AND IS DIRECTED BY A NATIONAL MAINTENANCE MANAGER (NMM).

2. THE NMP ESTABLISHES TWO CATEGORIES OF ARMY MAINTENANCE: NATIONAL AND FIELD. THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE NATIONAL CATEGORY OF MAINTENANCE IS SUSTAINMENT READINESS, REPAIR AND RETURN TO STOCK OF CLASS IX ITEMS MANAGED BY THE NMM. UNDER THE NMP, ITEMS REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO STOCK WILL BE REPAIRED BY AN APPROVED NATIONAL MAINTENANCE PROVIDER, (I.E., ORGANIC DEPOT, CONTRACTOR FACILITY, OR BELOW DEPOT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY) TO AN OVERHAUL STANDARD. IN ESSENCE RETURNING THE ITEM TO A LIKE-NEW CONDITION WITH AN EXPECTED LIFE. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT ITEMS ORDERED AND RECEIVED UNDER THE SINGLE STOCK FUND MEET A CONSISTENT QUALITY STANDARD WITH A KNOWN RELIABILITY AND A PREDICTABLE USEFUL LIFE. OVERHAUL IS ALSO ESTABLISHED AS THE SINGLE MAINTENANCE STANDARD FOR ALL CLASS VII ITEMS.

3. THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE FIELD CATEGORY OF MAINTENANCE IS SUPPORT TO NEAR TERM READINESS, REPAIR AND RETURN TO USER. THESE ITEMS WILL BE REPAIRED TO THE MAINTENANCE STANDARD PRESCRIBED BY THE APPLICABLE TECHNICAL MANUAL, AND PAID FOR DIRECTLY BY THE USER.

4. HQ USAMC IS DESIGNATED AS THE NMM AND IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR ALL NATIONAL MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS. THE NMM WILL DISTRIBUTE THE TOTAL NATIONAL MAINTENANCE WORKLOAD ACROSS ALL NATIONAL MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS, BASED ON NATIONAL NEED THROUGH A NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION PROCESS.

5. POLICY IMPLEMENTING THE NMP HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN AR 750-1 SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED 1ST QTR FY 00. HQ USAMC IS DEVELOPING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WITH A PHASED SCHEDULE FOR THIS PROGRAM.

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